

MEMO

DATE: October 4, 2007

TO: Community Economic and Human Development Committee


FROM: Joseph Carreras, Program Manager, 213-236-1856, Carreras@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: State Housing and Community Development Department approval of Final RHNA Plan


BACKGROUND:

In a letter addressed to Mark Pisano dated September 7, 2007, the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) was pleased to announce its findings that the SCAG adopted RHNA plan is consistent with its share of existing and projected Statewide housing need, and consistent with California statutory requirements. The RHNA may now be used in the update of all local housing elements in the SCAG region. These local housing element updates are due to State HCD by June 30, 2008. This due date was extended to accommodate coordination with the update of the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan. Congratulations are in order to everyone working on this major SCAG housing plan, and to all those who helped support the integrated growth forecast, the public outreach and policy development effort and the urgency legislation (SB 12) that allowed SCAG to meet its statutory deadline. This consistency determination allows local governments the full time provided under existing law to update their local housing plans and meet State HCD submission requirements.

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September 7, 2007

Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Pisano:

RE: Review of SCAG's Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting the Regional Housing Needs Plan SCAG adopted July 12, 2007, received on July 16, 2007. As you are aware, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

This RHNA Plan will be used for updates of local housing elements within the SCAG region. In a July 6, 2005 letter, the Department, as authorized by Government Code Section 65584.02, accepted SCAG's request to extend the housing element due date to June 30, 2008 to accommodate coordination with the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The Department is pleased to find the adopted RHNA plan is consistent with the region's existing and projected housing need. SCAG is commended for adopting a RHNA plan to accommodate 699,398 housing units, consistent with the Department's November 2006 Regional Housing Need Determination, and conducting public workshops throughout the region.

The Department is committed to working with SCAG and your local government members to effectively address the region's housing and community development needs through the housing element update process and other related planning and assistance efforts. We are pleased to note the leadership role that you and SCAG have demonstrated in strengthening the capacity of local governments in your region.

It has been a pleasure working with you and your staff. The Department's staff can be contacted at (916) 445-4728 for assistance. Any questions concerning the regional housing need allocation should be directed to Glen Campora, Senior Policy Advisor.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director